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SUBJECT: HUSSEIN--NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL PROPOSAL

REF: AMMAN 3356

1. IN A SHORT DISCUSSION APRIL 17, HUSSEIN PASSED ON FOLLOWING PERSONAL THOUGHTS ABOUT PROPOSED LAW WHICH HE HAS ASKED PRIME MINISTER TO DRAW UP ESTABLISHING A NATIONAL CONSULTATIVE COUNCIL.

2. HUSSEIN SAID THAT LISTS OF APPOINTEES HAVE NEARLY BEEN DRAWN UP AND ADMITTED IT WOULD CAUSE SOME UNHAPPINESS AND CONCERN, PARTICULARLY AMONG THE MANY JORDANIANS WHO THOUGHT AND EXPECTED THEY SHOULD BE APPOINTED AND WHO WOULD NOT BE. KING CONFIRMED WHAT SHARAF HAD TOLD US EARLIER, THE HE (HUSSEIN) WAS MOST PROMINENT ADVOCATE OF INCLUDING WOMEN ON THE LIST AND THAT WE COULD REST ASSURED HIS POSITION WOULD PREVAIL. HE SAID PROBABLY A FEW OF THE CURRENT CROP OF SENATORS
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WOULD ALSO BE APPOINTED. NEW COUNCILORS WOULD BE CHOSEN FROM CONSTITUENCIES WHERE THEY WOULD REPRESENT POPULATION ON SAME BASIS AS A FUTURE PARLIAMENT. FUNCTIONAL REPRESENTATION WOULD ALSO BE INCLUDED. JORDANIANS OF BOTG EAST BANK AND PALESTINIAN ORIGIN WOULD SERVE. HE SEEMED A LITTLE BIT CONCERNED ABOUT THE KING OF UPSET WHICH MIGHT BE CREATED BY THE PROBLEMS

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OF NARROWING THE LIST DOWN, BUT NEVERTHELESS MMDE CLEAR
HE WAS ANXIOUS TO PERSEVERE. HE SAID LIST WILL BE ANNOUNCED
IN A FEW DAYS.

3. HE REPEATED AGAIN HIS HOPE THAT ELECTIONS WILL TAKE
PLACE, BUT THE PROBLEMS THAT WOULD BE CREATED FOR JORDAN IN
THE ARAB WORLD AND AT HOME BY HAVING THEM TAKE PLACE NOW
MADE IT NECESSARY TO MAKE THIS HALF-WHTTOMUSE STOP INSTEAD.
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